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SUBJECT: REPORT ON DISTURBANCES IN KAFFA AND SHOA PROVINCES

TWO PILOTS FROM MISSIONARY AVIATION FELLOWSHIP, ONE STATIONED IN JIMMA, ONE IN ADDIS, WHO FLY SUPPORT MISSIONS TO SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS (SIM) IN SOUTHERN TWO-THIRDS OF ETHIOPIA, REPORTED FOLLOWING TO EMBOFF APRIL 16:

1. BODI TRIBESMEN IN NORTHERN GEMU GOFA HAVE CROSSED THE OMO RIVER AND ARE PUSHING INTO SOUTHERN KAFFA PROVINCE. WHILE JIMMA-BASED PILO PREVIOUSLY USED TO FLY INTO FOUR MISSION AIRFIELDS IN SOUTHERN KAFFA, THREE OF FOUR STATIONS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED AND ALL TOWNSPEOPLE, INCLUDING POLICE HAVE FLED NORTHWARD. IN FOURTH STATION ONLY POLICE HAVE REMAINED AND THEY ESTIMATE VICTIMS AT 200 TO 1,000 DEAD. REASON FOR BODI INVASION IS ALLEGEDLY TO RECLAIM PASTURE LAND PREVIOUSLY STOLEN BY AMHARAS. BODIS ARE PURPORTED TO

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BELIEVE THAT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CURRENTLY TOO WEAK TO STOP THEM.

2. MISSIONARIES IN MUNZ AREA REPORT THAT BIRU BROTHERS AND 200 ARMED FOLLOWERS CURRENTLY LOCATED ON HILLTOP TOWN OF GISHE AWAITING ARMY ATTACK. BIRUS ALLEGEDLY HOPING THAT ARMY ATTACKS IN SMALL UNITS SO THAT THEY MAY EASILY BE DEFEATED AND THEIR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS CAPTURED. WHEN PILOT WAS IN MEHAL MEDA ON APRIL 7, SGDIERS COMMANDEERED FORTY MULES FROM MARKET PLACES FOR ATTACK ON GISHE, RESULTS OF WHICH UNKONWN.

3. BOTH PILOTS REPORTED THAT MISSIONARIES GENERALLY ARE FEELING EFFECTS OF INCREASED ANTI-FOREIGN SENTIMENT WHICH THEY ATTRIBUTE TO INFLUENCE OF RADICAL ZEMATCHOCH.
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